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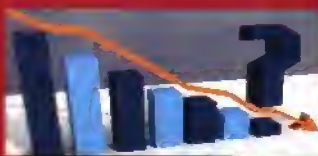


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A Letter

from the President

"...teach them your word,
which is truth" John 17:17 (NLT).

For followers of Jesus Christ, these are exciting days as we see God's plan for the ages unfolding. We are reminded daily that God's Word is indeed truth, and it is trustworthy. And certainly the events of our day point to the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ: worldwide economic confusion, knowledge and communication increasing at unprecedented rates, political unrest, the rise and influence of Islam, wars and rumors of wars, and the Gospel being spread throughout the world in many cases with tremendous persecution.

How much more now than ever, we need to be busy about our Savior's work, yet resting in Him as we know that He is orchestrating events worldwide for his eternal purposes! As I looked into the faces of our graduates during Commencement, it was inspiring to see that the labor of our faculty and staff for the past four years has not been in vain. Bryan's record-breaking Class of 2009 is comprised of graduates who are equipped to carry the gospel message in word and deed to a world desperately seeking answers to its many problems.

In the face of these challenging economic times, our campus community has initiated many cost-cutting measures so that we can remain financially strong. At the same time, we have allocated resources to provide for several significant summer campus improvement projects even as work continues on our new entrance from U.S. Route 27 and the half-mile road to campus. Improvements include extensive bandwidth upgrades for our students' growing IT needs, a state-of-the-art fire alarm system for Woodlee-Ewing Residence Hall, and significant remodeling in our library to house our new Academic Support Center that will enhance our ability to provide important services to our students.

One of the greatest authorities on William Jennings Bryan, our own Dr. Richard Cornelius, is transitioning to a less hectic role with our campus while we welcome Dr. J. Daryl Charles to take the helm of the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice. As a biblical scholar and leading authority on Christianity and culture, Dr. Charles will serve as Director and Senior Fellow of the Institute.

As our eyes continue to look toward Jerusalem, our gaze today is on the wonderful work God has given Bryan College to do. We are privileged to stand in Christ's stead, teaching His word as truth and fulfilling our mission of educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support as we seek to know Him and make Him known throughout the world.

Stephen D. Livesay

Graduation 2009

Commencement, a day for looking ahead, had elements of looking back as Bryan celebrated graduation for the Class of 2009 and honored members of the Class of 1959 May 8-9.

Nostalgia certainly was part of the program as graduates reflected on their years at Bryan during Vespers on Friday night, but it was looking back with an eye to the future.

Brittany McGehee pointed out that in their four years on Bryan Hill, her classmates have seen a lot of building: Robinson residence hall, a practice gym, groundbreaking for the new entrance, and the launch of Bryan's first graduate program. More importantly, "We have seen a lot of relationships built," she said. Those relationships have helped form a community that is strengthened by love.

Paul Shanks challenged his classmates to "learn to live life in the little things, and do them well. Maybe the task ahead is not to make a living so much as to live well for the sake of the Gospel, no matter what we do."

Kirsten Meberg reminded the Vespers audience that one aspect of college life has been faithfulness in relationships. "Faithfulness is evident in the people we met here," she said. "This class has great examples of getting involved in a lot of different ways. I pray that continues throughout our lives—in our new churches, the new communities we're placed in, in new relationships that come our way. Be faithful to what has been poured into us."

While the graduates were conducting their Vespers service,

members of the Class of 1959 were reminiscing over God's blessings of the past 50 years.

President Livesay met with that group during dinner and commended them for their faithfulness. "Listening to many of you, I understand what



Golden Grads

a blessing Bryan College has been and the way God has given you opportunities to serve Him. You sat where they (the current graduates) sit and had the same anxieties that they have. But we have the same God Who is faithful."

He told the graduates moments later, "Four years ago when this group came on campus it was very obvious that this is a special group. I can recognize that God has His hand on this class. This class is going to go forth loving God, loving their classmates. They will be there when their classmates walk through the dark valley, and when their classmates celebrate they will be able to celebrate together. It is my prayer that they indeed will be faithful."

As the Vespers service ended, students and families moved from

Rudd Auditorium to the Alumni Dining Hall for a reception, forced inside because of the threat of storms. The Golden Grads used that time to stand on the balcony of the student center's café and pray for the graduating class.

For the first time in seven years, weather forced the graduation service into Rudd Auditorium, with its seating capacity of just more than 800. To accommodate the nearly 2,000 family and friends expected for the service, the Operations Department and the Information Technology staff prepared viewing areas in the cafeteria, Lions Den, Summers Gymnasium and several classrooms in Mercer Hall.

Commencement speaker Michael Reneau, a communication studies graduate from Ooltewah, Tenn., reminded his classmates that the theme of chapels this year, "The Beauty and Power of the Gospel," led him—and them—"to see why the Gospel of Jesus Christ is so powerful and so beautiful."

Sorrow in his life brought him to a point of weakening faith as the school year began, teaching him even then that "we know along with the joyous



consummations of new chapters will come stinging realizations that this world needs a story altogether powerful and beautiful. The Gospel demands our whole beings, especially

the Gospel cultivates affections for the blessed close by who mourn."

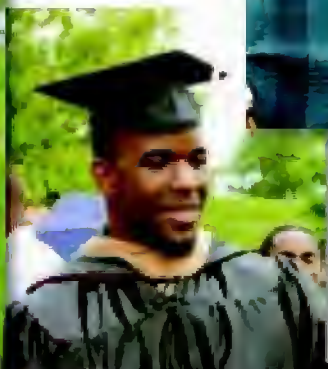
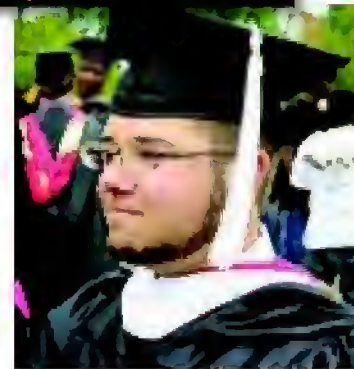
"We, Bryan graduates, have spent years here preparing for action in our various fields, each of which is integral in God's reclamation of creation.

"The power and the beauty of the Gospel is that it changes everything. It molds our understandings, it informs our affections, and it motivates our actions. It changes how we do life in a marred world. The power and the beauty of the Gospel is that through it Christ invites us not just to be passive recipients of its riches, but that He calls us to be active saints,

reclaiming what has always been His. The power of the Gospel is that Christ unites each element of our being—mind, heart, and body—to prepare for Himself and us a new creation in which we will all see, without blemish, the power and the beauty of the Gospel."

in the throes of pain and the groaning of a jaded world. The power and the beauty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that it marries each of our faculties, and that should change how we live.

"As much as it shapes our conceptions of reality, the powerful, beautiful Gospel also informs our affections in a world that grieves loss, that grieves pain, and that grieves death—physical and spiritual. We must make certain, in the busyness of life that comes after this day, to not be hardened by the carelessness of sin. We must remember that the Gospel cultivates affections for grieving peoples thousands of miles away, and





Sports

Additions and Honors

Bollant Named Golf Coach

Peter Bollant, a golf instructor and top amateur golfer in the Philippines, has been hired as the coach for Bryan's new intercollegiate golf team, Athletics Director Dr. Sandy Zensen said.

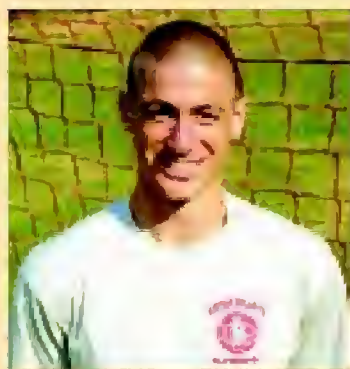
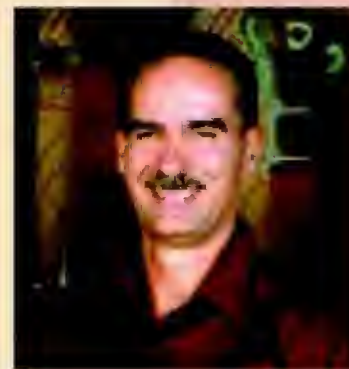
Mr. Bollant, brother of former Bryan women's basketball coach Matt Bollant, for the past 25 years has been a missionary preacher and teacher in the Philippines, where he has found time to play golf competitively.

Dr. Zensen said Mr. Bollant would begin his duties at Bryan later this year. He will be responsible for recruiting players and organizing the program, which is to begin play in the 2010-11 academic year.

"I'm delighted that Peter has agreed to join the Bryan family as we expand our intercollegiate athletics program," Dr. Zensen said. "He has the experience as a high school and collegiate golfer to understand the concerns of prospective student-athletes, and continues

to demonstrate his skills on the links. I believe he will be a tremendous asset to the program and the college."

In his application letter Mr. Bollant said the position "excites me and fits into my skills and abilities. Next to God and my family golf plays a pretty important role in my life. I have found it to be an amazing venue for discipleship and evangelism and even as golf coach I believe I can use this venue to mentor my students not only in golf but also in godly life principles."



David Villanueva Named AAC Champion of Character

David Villanueva, a senior soccer player, has been named the men's 2008-2009 Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Champion of Character Individual Award winner, the

second Bryan athlete to be so honored. A year ago, Christy Noel received the award.

According to the AAC, to receive the award, the nominee must demonstrate the true spirit of competition by living out the core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. The nominee must also demonstrate outstanding involvement in the community, which results in positive character development through sports.

David, who received a degree in biology (premed) and a minor in biblical studies in May, received a Dean's Scholarship, men's soccer scholarship, and a PCI Leadership Grant. He was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, and is a 2008 NCAA Scholar Athlete, 2008 NAIA-Daktronics Men's Soccer Scholar-Athlete, and 2006-2008 AAC Academic All-Conference.

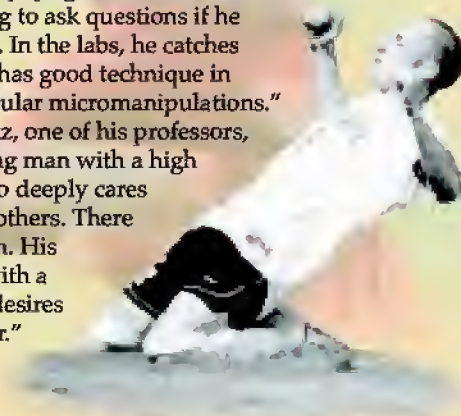
He is founder of Lifeblood ministries, a student group that raises money to support the Banjara Tribal Ministries orphanage in Hyderabad, India; was involved with Break

for Change trips to Honduras and Chicago, participated in summer medical missions trips, volunteered with Practical Christian Involvement's L.I.F.E. club, and worked as a science tutor in the Bryan Academic Support Center.

Dr. Sandy Zensen, David's soccer coach, said David "consistently leads by example. He is disciplined, purpose-driven, dependable, and committed to excellence both on and off the field of play. Above all, he has a servant's heart, looking for meaningful ways to invest in the lives of people."

Dr. Martin Hartzell, David's academic advisor, said, "In the classroom, he pays good attention to lectures and is willing to ask questions if he does not understand. In the labs, he catches on very quickly and has good technique in dissection and in cellular micromanipulations."

Dr. Stephanie Hartz, one of his professors, called David "a young man with a high level of integrity, who deeply cares and desires to serve others. There is humility about him. His attitude is positive with a posture of one who desires to be a servant-leader."



Bryan athletes have picked up a number of post-season honors, including some for fall sports that were not released in time for earlier editions of *Bryan Life*.



BASEBALL

Daktronics-NAIA All American Academics:

Matt Hicks and Daniel Zimmerman

AAC All-Academic Team:

J.D. Davis

Jordan Day

Zach Gray

Matt Hicks

Ben Young

Daniel Zimmerman



TRACK

Indoor: NAIA All-American:

Josh Bradley

Outdoor: AAC All-Conference:

Josh Bradley (1500 Meter Champion)

Zach Buffington (5k Champion), and Daniel Goetz;

Hunter Hall (3k Steeplechase Champion), and Bryson Harper



VOLLEYBALL

NCCAA All-American 2nd Team:

Alison Young

SOCCER

Men

NCCAA All-American DI 1st Team:

Daniel O'Kane

NCCAA All-American DI 2nd Team:

Carlos Pedro Da Silva



BASKETBALL

Men

Daktronics-NAIA All American Academics:

Andrew Slikker

Kyle Terry

AAC All-Conference 2nd Team:

Scott Newton

AAC All-Conference 3rd Team:

Lamarr Shorts

AAC All-Academic Team:

Andrew Slikker

Kyle Terry



Women

Daktronics-NAIA All American Academics:

Kaylin Carswell

Katie Davis

Wendy Vork

AAC All-Conference 1st Team:

Katie Davis

AAC All-Freshman Team:

Becca Sharpe

AAC All-Academic Team:

Kaylin Carswell

Lauren Copeland

Katie Davis

Amber Smith, Jessica Southern, and Wendy Vork



AAC All-Academic Team:

Kaylin Carswell

Lauren Copeland

Katie Davis

Amber Smith

Jessica Southern

Wendy Vork



Campus News

Photo by Justin Hipp, '09

2009 William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program Dinner

It was a night for celebration, for appreciation, and for encouragement as Bryan College hosted its second annual William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program dinner April 16.

Vice President for Advancement Blake Hudson reported that some \$110,000 has been given or pledged for the program for the coming year, more than doubling the amount raised a year ago.

More than 225 friends of the college



heard President Dr. Stephen Livesay and students say "thank you," and were encouraged by Michael Gerson, former speechwriter for President George W. Bush, to consider how they live out their faith. Video highlights of the dinner are available at www.bryan.edu/7409.

The WJB Opportunity Program allows Tennessee students from families with less than \$35,000 income to attend Bryan with tuition expenses paid through a combination of

financial aid resources. At the dinner, Andrew Zimmerman, a sophomore mathematics and Christian thought major from Grandview, Tenn., said "It's true when they say that we literally would not be here without the scholarship support. I want to thank you for that."

Dr. Livesay said 29 students benefitted from the William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program this academic year, and the college sees a greater need to assist academically qualified students with limited needs.

Mr. Gerson said that William Jennings Bryan is one of his heroes. "No other American political figure has been more principled, more influential, and more unfairly reviled. He placed the needs and hopes of common men and women at the center of American politics, and he did so as a direct expression of his Christian faith."

Mr. Gerson said Christians are at a "searching moment concerning their duties as citizens." Evangelical leaders are moving from a "narrow set of social and moral issues, particularly abortion and family issues," and are beginning to address matters such as AIDS and human trafficking.

"This agenda is not identical to or exhausted by any human ideology. It stands in judgment of them all. And this means we will occasionally feel politically homeless. Christianity indicts oppressive government, but also the soul-destroying excesses that sometimes come in freedom. It is often hard where liberalism is soft and soft where conservatism is

hard. If Christianity were identical to any political movement, something would be badly wrong. It looks to a kingdom not of this world, and by this standard we will never in this life be fully home. But by standing up for the values of this other kingdom, we make a large difference in the kingdoms of this world."

College Celebrates Groundbreaking II



"God provided the sun. Get your shovel Let's get started!"

Col. John Haynes, chairman of the Bryan Board of Trustees, caught the spirit of the event as college officials, students and friends broke ground for Phase II of the new entrance on April 17.

Work was to begin this summer but speakers were ready to follow Col. Haynes' lead as they reflected on God's faithfulness and provision.

"God has prepared Bryan College for its next chapter," President Stephen Livesay said. "God has wonderful things in store for us, not because of us, but because we are



faithful to our mission."

Trustee Emeritus Don Efird, in remarks before offering the invocation, recounted how "in 1969, I brought the oldest of my seven children to Bryan. We missed the cutoff at the bottom of the hill." It was Mr. Efird, at Dr. Livesay's first board meeting as president, who challenged Dr. Livesay to make the new entrance a priority.

Keynote speaker Michael Gerson said Bryan College is named for "a Christian who changed the nation. William Jennings Bryan had one message, that every life counts."

He said a Christian education helps us know that our worth as individuals is not based on our actions. "We know our value because we are loved by God, independent of accomplishment, in success or failure, in joy or grief. This is a source of worth and peace that cannot be given and taken away by others because it was a gift of God on the cross."

State Sen. Ken Yager, State Rep. Jim Cobb, Rhea County Executive Billy Ray Patton, and Dayton Mayor Bob Vincent commended the college for its bold step in challenging times.

Mr. Vincent, picking up on habits of students, said, "The new road will be known by many names: an official name, and names known by students. I call it a road to opportunity, to education, to be involved in a school which really promotes Christianity, doing the right things at the right time."

Dr. Livesay responded that the official name will be "Landes Way," in honor of the alumnus whose gift sparked completion of the project.

Mary Frances Carlson, daughter of Bryan's third president, Dr. Judson A. Rudd, reminded the audience of the early hardships faced by faculty, staff and students, and the commitment they had to building Bryan College.

Student Government President Rachel Welch reminded students that they have had a "part of the journey" that led to the groundbreaking. Senior Resident Assistant Eric McEachron encouraged students to not take for granted those who made it possible.

The Rev. Mark Hickman who sold to the college a piece of property critical for the project recounted stories of playing on the athletic fields and college grounds as well as in the gymnasium, feeling welcomed by students.

Dr. Charles To Head Bryan Institute



Dr. J. Daryl Charles, senior fellow, Center for Politics and Religion at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., has been named director and senior fellow of the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice.

"We are delighted to have a scholar of Dr. Charles' stature come to lead the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice," President Livesay said. "His professional work has focused on a biblical worldview

perspective on contemporary issues, which is precisely the mission of the Bryan Institute."

Dr. Charles is the author, co-author, or translator of 11 books on topics including natural law, "just war" and the biblical book of Jude.

He is a member of organizations including the National Association of Scholars, Christians in Political Science, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the Evangelical Theological Society.

The Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice includes the Center for Origins Research, Center for Leadership Initiatives, Center for Worldview Studies, the William Jennings Bryan Center for Law and Public Policy, and the Center for International Development. The centers provide educational and research opportunities for Bryan students and the public.

Dr. Cornelius' Contributions to Bryan Recognized

Bryan College honored Dr. Richard Cornelius on his second retirement during Honors Day ceremonies April 27.



Dr. Cornelius retired as professor of English in 1999, but has continued to serve as the Scopes liaison, the primary contact for information about William Jennings Bryan and the Scopes Trial, President Stephen Livesay said.

His articles on the subject have

appeared in scholarly journals and popular publications. He has published an annotated map of Scopes Trial sites; edited an annotated bibliography about Bryan and the Trial; edited collections of articles and photographs about the trial and of Bryan's speeches; and produced a collection of songs about the Trial. He has contributed to programs by American and international television, radio and documentary producers.

Tom Davis, director of public information, said Dr. Cornelius "is the unsung hero to countless researchers, ranging from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Edward J. Larson to junior high students researching History Day projects."

In addition to his knowledge of the subject and willingness to help others, Mr. Davis said Dr. Cornelius has exhibited a "deep love for Jesus Christ and for Bryan College. I think it's fair to say that his heart's desire is that our Lord is honored and that Bryan College live out its motto of Christ Above All."

Faith Wants to Know Your Story



Faith Ammen, a 2009 Bryan graduate, is joining the Advancement team because she wants to know "What's Your Story?"

Faith's interest in alumni began last fall when she was a senior communications major trying to figure out what to do with her future.

To help in the decision-making process she began contacting Bryan alumni who had graduated with communications degrees. She was quickly overwhelmed with the wide range of occupations the alumni had chosen, demonstrating that Bryan alumni are making a difference in the way they lived out their lives all over the world.

She compiled the stories into a document so fellow students could read and be inspired as well.

Faith's new effort will involve alumni of all majors and stages of life. She looks forward to interacting with alumni and being able to tell their stories, which is where you come in! Faith would love to know what you are doing with your life, to help the Bryan family—students and alumni—see how far a Lion's tracks can travel.

Blake Hudson, vice president for advancement, said, "I'm delighted Faith has agreed to continue her efforts on behalf of Bryan College in this way. Her enthusiasm is infectious, and I'm sure our alumni will see that as soon as they talk with her. We plan to use her articles in *Bryan Life*, *E-Lumine*, and other publications to help our alumni and friends get a new glimpse of how special a Bryan education is because of the way alumni are using what they learned on The Hill to make a difference in their world."

To tell Faith your story send your name, current position or job title, your address, a summary of your current—or favorite post-Bryan—job, and a picture to her at faith.ammen@bryan.edu.

Bryan Adds Softball and Golf to Athletics Lineup

Bryan will add women's softball and men's and women's golf as intercollegiate sports in the 2010-11 academic year, college officials have announced.

Athletics Director Dr. Sandy Zensen said coaches for the teams—a full-time coach for softball and a part-time coach for golf—will begin work after July 1. The coaches will spend the 2009-10 year recruiting, arranging schedules and logistics, and securing equipment in preparation for the new sports launch.

"We are the only college in the conference that does not offer softball," Dr. Zensen said. "Softball is an important sport in the Chattanooga area, and I think this will make Bryan more attractive to a number of students. Plus, it's a great sport."

Adding golf as an intercollegiate sport has been discussed for some time, and officials decided this is the time to move. A golf coach would be hired on a part-time basis, with similar responsibilities as the softball coach, Dr. Zensen said.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Michael Sapienza said adding the three teams fits with the overall strategy to raise traditional enrollment to 1,200. "We have a high percentage of students involved in intercollegiate athletics, so we could grow by lowering that percentage or we can use athletics as a tool to help us reach our goal," he said. "This fits with what we're trying to accomplish."

Dr. Zensen said he would anticipate 20 to 25 women would enroll to play softball, and 10 to 12 men and women would enroll for golf initially. "We would work from that point to grow the sport," he said.



Remembering *Bryan*

By Russell McLeod, '58

It was a long drive from Stone Lake, Wisc., to Dayton, Tenn., but we wouldn't have even considered traveling by air in those days. I remember the changes in scenery as we drove through the various states and the anticipation I felt to be heading south to attend college. Those years attending Bryan College were a wonderful time for me. Growing up on a dairy farm in northern Wisconsin kept us all very busy physically but college provided many new challenges intellectually and socially. My major professor, Dr. Willard Henning, was great at helping students to explore the natural world and think about things in a new way. Miss Rouch's excitement over the amazing construction and development of plants and trees was contagious.

Socially, I met some super friends, such as Dave Watson, Ken Campbell, and Larry Thompson who, by the way, could flip from his feet to his hands while talking with



someone! I lived in the Octagon dormitory where the beds were sometimes stacked three to four high. My enthusiasm for sports was encouraged in running and cross-country competitions. The hills and fences around Bryan gave me great practice in difficult running and jumping. I remember the time most of my



teammates were sickened by the flu and I represented our school at the track and cross-country meet at Sewanee College. I did my very best and brought home a first in the mile and two-mile races. It was exhilarating to break the tape at the finish line.

Spiritually, the daily chapels and dormitory devotional times were inspiring. My sister, Alice, had started a small mission in an abandoned house in Dayton and I helped by teaching a Sunday school class and introducing these children to the Lord. Later, when my younger sister, Mable, attended Bryan, she also became a part of our mission work.

My biological training has helped me in the management of our dairy farm. Often, I must give the cows shots for illnesses and help them with difficult births. Our crops depend on being planted at the right time and with innovative farming procedures. My wonderful wife, Dorothy, and our daughter, Michelle, have added fulfillment and joy to my life.

Remembering Bryan makes me feel very thankful for the great years and education I received while a student there.

Writers Wanted

If you have been graduated from Bryan for more than 50 years and would like to share memories of your time on the Hill with *Bryan Life* readers, please write between 300 and 400 words and send them to *Bryan Life*, Bryan College, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321 or email to alumni@bryan.edu. Please include a current picture of yourself. While we can't promise to publish every submission, we will consider all for publication in future editions of *Bryan Life*.



W.J. Bryan:

1896 Presidential Candidate

by Dr. William Ketchersid

William Jennings Bryan was interested in American politics since his father, Silas, was a member of the Illinois state senate and he discussed politics at home. During his formative years Bryan decided to become an attorney; he studied briefly at the Chicago School of Law during 1833. Following law school, he practiced briefly in Jacksonville, Ill., before deciding to join a friend in a law practice in Lincoln, Neb.

Throughout 1888 and 1889, Bryan made numerous friends in Lincoln as a result of his involvement in civic clubs such as the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, and the Masonic Lodge. Bryan soon began to understand some of the problems of the poor farmers of Nebraska including a high protective tariff which Congress had supported for several years after the Civil War. After being chosen as the chairman of the Democratic Party in Lincoln, he helped with the campaigns of fellow Democrats. Moreover, he dedicated himself to speak for a lower tariff which President Grover Cleveland had stressed as essential for sound business in his annual message to Congress in 1887. Nebraska Democrats did not fare well during the elections of 1888. Despite their

poor performance, Bryan had built a reputation as a speaker and as one who had campaigned tirelessly for others. That led many of his fellow Democrats to ask Bryan to run for Congress in 1890. Although Bryan faced opposition for the seat, he won as a result of advocating a lower tariff and a pro-farmer platform.

Once in Congress, Bryan championed the interests of the people of his district; he especially spoke in favor of ideas the Farmer's Alliance and Grange supported. In addition to a low tariff, farmers desired the direct election of United States senators, the secret ballot initiative, the recall, as well as the coinage of silver dollars at a 16 to 1 ratio with gold. Many of these ideas were part of the Populist Party's renowned Omaha Platform of 1892. As populism gained strength in Nebraska as early as 1890, Bryan embraced many of their goals.

Although Bryan was a member of the middle class, he understood the necessity of all people to enjoy economic prosperity and to avoid discrimination by Eastern businesses and banks. In Congress, Bryan spoke eloquently for a lower protective tariff and after the panic of 1893, he publicly embraced bi-metalism (the coinage of both gold and silver) as a way to produce enough inflation to lift the nation from economic depression. He also opposed the re-nomination of Grover Cleveland for president. Cleveland solidly supported the gold standard, which seemed as if he had sold out to the interests of the Eastern bankers.

After serving two successful terms in Congress, Bryan decided not to seek reelection; instead he tossed his hat into the race for the senate. Since Populists would support Bryan's bid, he had some chance. Unfortunately the Republican-controlled state senate destroyed his hopes. Instead

of practicing law like his wife Mary wanted, Bryan continued to travel and to speak about political issues. Several Populists and a few Democrats indicated that Bryan might consider seeking the presidency, which encouraged Bryan.

At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1896, despite his lack of strong support from many Democratic leaders, Bryan viewed himself as a potential nominee. Bryan spoke as the Cleveland administration was unable to accomplish much to help the masses of American workers. The day Bryan was scheduled to speak about the evils of gold at the convention, the *Chicago Tribune* featured Bryan on its front page as a serious presidential candidate. Although not feeling well before his speech, Bryan overcame his physical condition to electrify a largely pro-silver audience. As a famous orator, "the Nebraska cyclone," Bryan posed a question: "...upon which side will the Democratic Party fight, upon the side of the idle holders of capital or upon the side of the struggling masses?" Later in the speech, referring to overcoming banking and business interests, Bryan exclaimed, "...you shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns. You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

After initial silence, the members roared their approval. The next day, the Democrats nominated Bryan on the fifth ballot over fellow silverite Richard Bland of Missouri. The party had clearly repudiated incumbent Democrat Grover Cleveland. Perhaps, reformers like Bryan could overcome the nation's economic problems.

During the campaign with only \$300,000 to spend, Bryan traveled over 18,000 miles speaking to massive crowds. The money donated to the Republicans by Standard Oil





Company and J.P. Morgan was more than the Democrats had available for the entire campaign. While there is some evidence of bribery for votes on the part of the Republican candidate, William McKinley of Ohio, the lack of strong economic intervention by Grover Cleveland after the panic of 1893 was difficult for Democrats to overcome. Bryan polled 6,509,052 votes and McKinley won 7,104,779 votes. After the election, Bryan hinted of Republican corruption and moneyed interests winning the presidency for McKinley. The election of 1896 had been the most exciting presidential contest since the election of 1860. Bryan had electrified the crowds, but when business owners warned employees not to vote for Bryan if they wanted to retain their jobs, he could not overcome their fears.

For additional study, consult *Bryan: A Political Biography* by Louis Koenig, and LeRoy Ashby's *William Jennings Bryan, Champion of Democracy*.

For a brief version of Bryan's rise to political prominence, consult H. Wayne Morgan's *From Hayes to McKinley*.

For a more detailed description, read chapter XI of H. Wayne Morgan's *William McKinley and His America*.

Dr. William Ketchersid is Professor of History at Bryan College.



Mr. Bernie Belisle and **Miss Amanda Sherrin** attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Birmingham, Ala., in March. They took four students and attended a number of workshops during the four-day conference.

Members of the Biblical Studies department attended the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in April, and several presented papers: **Dr. Jud Davis**, "Prepositions and Christology: How the littlest words bankrupt evolutionary Christologies"; and **Dr. Doug Kennard**, "Does Deuteronomy as Suzerainty Treaty Advocate Covenant Nomism?" Also, Dr. Kennard presented a paper for the Evangelical Philosophical Society, "Potential Evil in the Biblical Account of the Original Good Creation." During the ETS conference, student Ashley Baker won second place in the student paper competition for her paper "Reversing the Curse: Boaz and Ruth at the Threshing Floor." A doctoral student won the competition.

Mr. Stefan Gray, director of IT Services, and **Mr. James Sullivan**, network administrator, attended the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association IT retreat in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Sullivan gave a presentation on Network Tools and Mr. Gray gave a presentation on "Classroom Technology Configuration."

Dr. Scott Jones attended the 2009 National Sunday School Conference in March in Woodstock, Ga. He also served as team mentor for the Break for Change Nicaragua group in March.

Dr. William Ketchersid, professor of history, has been selected for inclusion in the 2009-10 edition of Montclair Publishing's *Who's Who among Executives and Professionals*. Dr. Ketchersid and **Dr. Jack** and **Karin Traylor** attended the Southeast Tennessee History Conference at Lee University in April.

Mrs. Corinne Livesay, director of digital communication, authored the *Teaching Assistance Manual* for the 15th edition of the textbook *Managing Human Resources* (South-Western/Cengage Learning), 2010.

Dr. Sigrid Luther, professor of music, was installed as vice president of the Music Teachers National Association during the organization's annual meeting in April. Her term will run through April 2011.

Mr. Steve Paulson, computer department manager and database administrator, and **Mr. Adam Crownoble**, web programmer, attended a "Skills for Managers and Supervisors" seminar in Chattanooga, Tenn., in May.

Dr. Jack Traylor is training as a brakeman/trainman with the Tennessee Valley Railroad, which operates passenger and freight service over about 120 miles of track in southeast Tennessee and north Georgia as well as a railroad museum in Chattanooga.

Dr. Mel Wilhoit sang with the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Chorus in performances of Puccini's opera *La Boheme* in February, and with the Chattanooga Bach Choir in concert in March.



About

the Economy

by Charles D. Van Eaton, Ph.D.

I was fresh out of graduate school and in my first teaching job when a wise man came to my office door one day and said: "Young man, no matter what your mathematical models tell you, don't forget this; nothing happens that can be called economics until someone succeeds in selling something to someone else." He was absolutely right. It doesn't matter what kind of economic system a nation may have, economic life—which means the whole process through which people "earn a living"—rests on buying and selling.

The Bible has a lot to say about economics precisely because it doesn't say a lot. Example: Cain was a farmer. His brother Abel owned livestock. That's how they "earned their living." Question: Was Cain a vegetarian? Did Abel eat only meat? The Bible doesn't say—because it doesn't have to. Both Cain and Abel specialized in the production of what they did best and traded what they produced for whatever else they needed or wanted.

Abraham owned livestock but no land. He was wealthy. When he wanted land for a burial place, he went to someone who owned what he wanted and bought it at the price named by the owner. Obviously the former owner wanted the cash more than he wanted the land. When this passing event in the life of Abraham is told in Genesis 23, no commentary is offered because none is needed. Silence said it all: Cain and Abel bought and sold. Abraham bought and sold. Even though there was no

word for what they were, we can give one: They were Capitalists. They were part of a set of social relationships characterized by two things: Reasonably well-defined private property rights and freedom of exchange.

There are far too many, sadly including Believers, who think that, morally, economic systems "ought" to work in a certain way but don't seem to work the way they "ought." This ignorance leads to the promotion of

that borrowing and lending are an integral part of any system of buying and selling—an integral part of "Doing Economics." There's nothing morally wrong about that part of an economy which "produces convenience" through borrowing and lending because finance bridges time and connects buyers and sellers. (Yes, "Wall Street" serves an essential purpose.)

During the fourth quarter of 2008 the U.S. economy contracted at a 6 percent annual rate. (For the entire year 2008 the economy grew at an anemic 1.8 percent.) For the first quarter of

2009 the economy contracted at 6.1 percent annual rate. In response to these hard economic numbers the usual crowd announced that the problem was capitalism—meaning "unregulated" markets. Hold on! Russia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, France, the U.K., Ireland, and the so-called "Asian Tigers," experienced even deeper declines which began up to a year earlier than was the case in the United States. Nowhere in that group can one find bastions of unregulated capitalism.

Economist Alan Reynolds of the Cato Institute, whose data I cite above, notes that what can now be clearly identified as the primary cause of the current worldwide decline in aggregate economic output is the same thing which contributed to 10 of the 11 post-World War II recessions: vulnerability to sudden increases in the price of crude oil. This was not a product of private price-gouging. The 13 largest oil companies in the world

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policies (which can be implemented only by the power of "the sword") which can and often do harm.

Economist Steven Horwitz argues, correctly, that "ought implies can." Citing his friend and fellow economist David Prychitko, Horwitz notes that economics is "the art of putting parameters on our utopias." Ignoring how economic systems actually work, indeed how they have to and always will work, and using power to force "desirable" ends almost always leads to mischief.

Buying and selling—earning and producing—occur across a real time continuum during which someone has to serve as a lender of financial capital to fund the difference between the point when costs to produce are incurred and revenues from selling are received. The Bible gives instructions about the moral behavior of both borrowers and lenders. This instruction rests on the understanding

are government owned and operated. In fact, three-quarters of all world energy supplies are government owned. (At home the principal barrier to domestic oil production—which would limit energy cost increases—is government.)

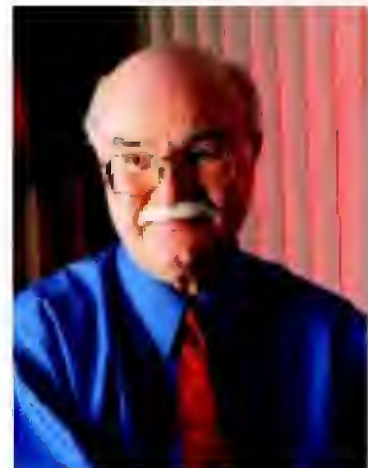
Higher energy prices act as a tax and reduce the availability of funds for other ordinary household expenditures. Add this “tax” to the push by the U.S., U.K., and Ireland governments forcing banks to make mortgage loans which would ordinarily not have been made and a “perfect storm” emerged—private demand over a wide range of goods and services became more constrained and traditional patterns of borrowing and lending began to break down.

Market failure or government failure? Markets respond to incentives. When perverse incentives are presented, perverse outcomes are guaranteed. When essential energy costs are driven upward by government actions, and when financial markets are compelled to

act not on market signals but political signals, we should not be surprised that markets responded to the incentives given.

It’s not as if a giant asteroid hit America and destroyed everything east of the Mississippi River. All the essential elements of a vibrant economy are still in place: willing labor, entrepreneurship, a system of laws which protect private property and encourage production and exchange (on this there are growing reasons for concern), and the private financial capital which links everything together. Everything is in place, but the political sector—here and abroad and always with the best of intentions—has created extraordinary uncertainty. The financial system has moved out of the arena, waiting to discover what the new “rules” may be. We all wait—meaning the economy contracts.

I have no answers, only questions.



Dr. Charles D. Van Eaton served until earlier this year as Director of the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice and distinguished professor at large. Before coming to Bryan, Dr. Van Eaton was professor of public policy at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy, and served as the Everett McCabe/UPS Professor of Economics and chairman of the economics and business division at Hillsdale College.

Wanted: Young Alum

Bryan College will present its first Young Alumnus/Alumna of the Year award at homecoming in October, and the Alumni staff is looking for an alum to honor.

Alumni Director David Tromanhauser said the new award is being made to recognize the contributions of alumni early in their careers. “We have always honored alumni who have a long record of service, but younger alumni just starting their careers often have accomplishments that are worthy of recognition as well,” he said. “The Young Alum presentation will be part of our homecoming celebration to point out the amazing achievements of our alumni fresh out of Bryan.”

To qualify for the award, an alum must have graduated within the past 10 years, must have distinguished himself or herself academically, professionally, or in community service, and must demonstrate a strong relationship with Bryan College.

“We encourage alumni and friends of the college to nominate recent graduates for the award,” Mr. Tromanhauser said. “Visit the alumni page on the Bryan web site to nominate a graduate or email alumni@bryan.edu with your recommendations.”

At the same time, nominations are invited for the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year award. This award recognizes a graduate with a distinguished record that

reflects honor on Bryan College over his or her career.

“These awards are the highest honors the Alumni office can bestow on graduates, and we want to make sure we know about alumni who deserve this type of recognition,” Mr. Tromanhauser said. “Please visit the web site or contact our office and help us bring honor to whom honor is due.”



Summertime Building

for the future with a tight belt

Three major campus improvement projects are scheduled this summer as the Bryan administration balances needs of a growing college and the realities of an economy struggling with a recession.

Work will continue on the new entrance, the Academic Support Center will take new quarters in the library, and Woodlee-Ewing Residence Hall will get a new fire alarm system, Vice President of Operations Tim Hostetler said.

Responding to conditions linked to the economy, work on the new entrance will continue on a pay-as-you-go basis, Mr. Hostetler said. "We are staying within the money in hand. That's

why we're doing this. We will do what we can to make it possible to finish the entrance in the fall."

This means that workers will carve out space for a new soccer practice field south of the existing practice venues, and turn the field closest to the hillside into a parking lot. Dirt from the excavation will be trucked to the new roadway to raise the level to the required elevation.

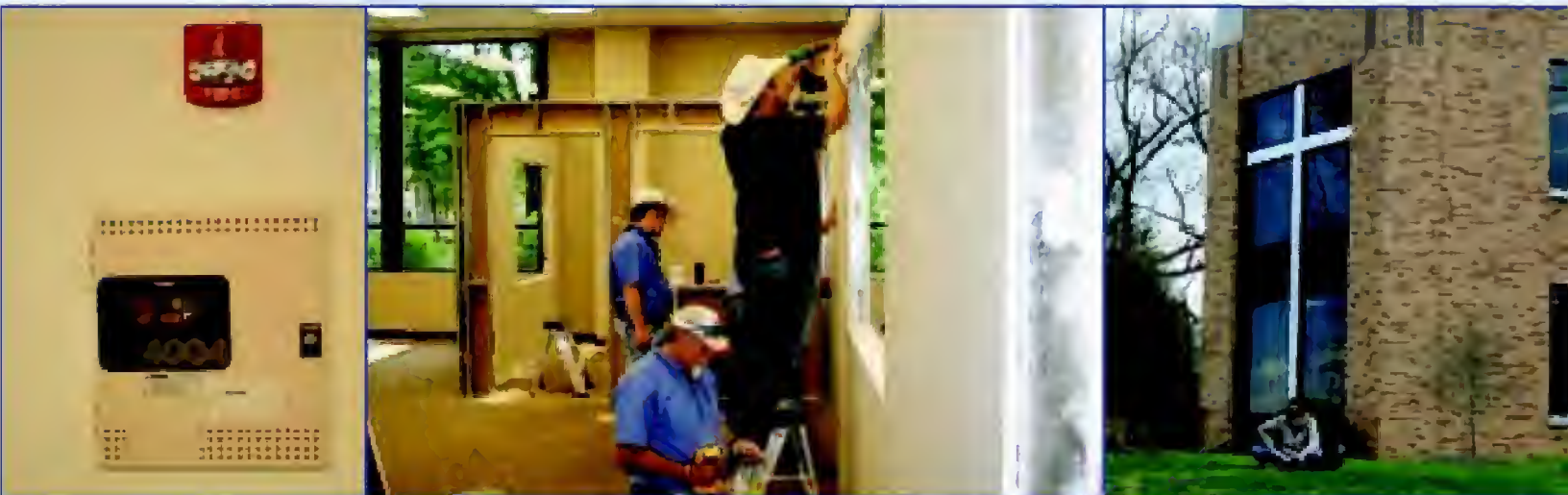
Vice President for Finance Vance Berger pointed out that while work will continue, the college is facing constraints because of a cash flow problem related to the economy. When construction funds are in hand, work will begin to complete the project, he said.

"Doing this much work this summer will give us the practice space we need, and will provide a way for heavy trucks to move dirt without damaging our paved

street," Mr. Hostetler said. "Plus, we'll create some more parking spaces, which are at a premium on campus now."

Another project students will notice when they return to campus will be creation of new facilities for the Academic Support Center in the library. Center Director William Harle said the area formerly occupied by the library's periodicals collection will include a conference/classroom, office, and a larger room suitable for individual tutoring sessions or larger group presentations.

"When we moved the writing center to the library from the English department we never intended to move beyond writing, but we went from seeing two or three students a day to 1,250 consultations per semester. We did 15 consultations per week in the English department, but 150-200 per week here," he said.



Better exposure and extended hours contributed to the increased use, and helped pave the way for expansion in mission from a writing center to an academic support center. "A student came and asked about help with physics," Mr. Harle explained. "I had no idea what to do, but I started making inquiries and found some help. Then another asked about help with math, then with biology."

Mr. Hostetler said the president's cabinet members, recognizing the importance of the center and the value of helping students succeed in classes in which they are struggling, led to approval of the project this summer.

The other major project will be to install a new fire alarm system in Woodlee-Ewing residence hall. The new system, replacing the one installed when the building was opened in 1984, similar to

those in other residence halls, will give room numbers when problems are reported, not just general locations.

College officials have limited the extent of work to be performed this summer in keeping with steps taken earlier this year to control spending in the face of the nation's economic difficulties.

Mr. Berger said the college operates under a "very tight budget," which has enabled officials to avoid drastic steps taken by other institutions. Earlier this year, "we dropped back on the college contribution to retirement accounts, limited travel, more closely controlled air conditioning and heating, and we are trying to limit paper use. We're also in the process of securing a fixed-rate mortgage on college debt to limit our exposure in the future."

Vice President for Advancement Blake Hudson said alumni and friends of the college have been generous in their support, which has helped financially. "This year giving for the William Jennings Bryan Opportunity Program more than doubled from 2008. However, as we start a new fiscal year we need continuing support for the scholarship/annual fund to begin the year with strength. I ask our alumni and friends to seek the Lord and give generously as He directs."



For The Love of Bryan

A love for Bryan and a desire to say "thank you" for the education she received were motivations for Sallie (Jones) Garrett to purchase a Charitable Gift Annuity recently.

Mrs. Garrett, director of the Highland Educational Literacy Project in Abingdon, Va., is a 1968 Bryan education graduate who has worked as a teacher either at the elementary level or in adult education for her working career.

"I wanted to give to the institution that offered me the opportunity to do what I am doing," she said. "God blessed me with the money, and I'm giving it back to Him. He continues to bless with peace, comfort, and financial stability. That's why I purchased the annuity."

Mrs. Garrett came to Bryan as a student on the advice of the Youth for Christ leader in her home town of Hampton, Va. "His mother was on the board of trustees at Bryan, and he said he thought Bryan would be a good place for me to attend. I applied at several different places, but as soon as we visited Bryan my heart felt like that was the place to go."

Looking at her time on campus, she said she particularly remembers the lifelong friendships she developed, "the relaxed, family atmosphere," and the professors who cared about students, "helping them do their best, with the emphasis of living 'Christ Above All.'"

She returned to Hampton and began teaching after graduating in January 1968, met her husband, Lewis, also an educator, and moved to Culpeper County, Va., in 1970. Lewis was a principal and Sallie was an elementary teacher for 22 years, until Lewis retired and they moved to Abingdon.

"We bought his grandmother's house, which was built in 1911, and renovated it. We bought a 52-acre farm that I called his 'southern plantation,'" she said. "We raised goats for five or six years, and his brother raises cattle."

When they moved to Abingdon the economy was such that she could not find a classroom teaching position, so she applied for the adult literacy program and was hired. As director, she leads a staff in helping area residents gain basic educational skills and more advanced competencies such as computer literacy.

"In November 2008, my husband died," she said. "We were in the process of selling some land, and after he died the sale went through. I began to look to see what would be the best return for the money. I saw the information Jim Barth sent about the Bryan annuity. I realized it would pay much more than a savings account at the bank or a



Sallie Garrett with a former student

certificate of deposit."

Mr. Barth, Bryan's director of planned giving, said in today's economy it usually is the case that Bryan gift annuities have a much better interest rate than other options. "Most of our annuitants have found that they can double or triple their income with a Bryan gift annuity compared with savings accounts or CDs," he said.

Mrs. Garrett added to her teacher's annuity, opened another account, paid off all debts which limited funds for giving to the Lord's work, and purchased the annuity.

"Through the sale of the land the Lord blessed me with a surplus of money to invest for my future. One investment is giving to the Bryan charitable gift annuity," she said. "I have a year and a half to go before I retire. I left my Virginia Retirement System account intact, so I'll be fully vested at age 65. I'm not planning to give up but to keep working with adults. I've heard that volunteers live longer."

The annuity will supplement her other income and help her have the freedom to work in her "second occupation," helping her daughter with her organic farming business, and enjoying her three grandchildren.

Mr. Barth said in addition to increasing income, a charitable gift annuity can provide tax benefits and leave a legacy to help deserving students at Bryan College as well. For more information about a charitable gift annuity, contact Mr. Barth at 423-775-7280 or by email at barthji@bryan.edu.

Are you Making Plans for the Future?

There are many ways to plan for the future through your will or trust. A good plan will help you care for your loved ones after you are gone, plan for your own care, or even make a gift to Bryan College.

If you would like to include Bryan in your planning, here are some ideas to help you achieve your estate planning goals:

BEQUEST

Make a gift to Bryan College and receive an estate tax deduction.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Make a gift to provide fixed income for you and a loved one. Receive an immediate tax deduction and have your payments partially tax free.

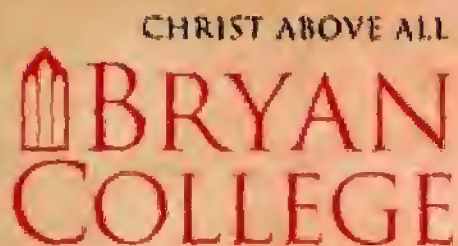
CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Create life income for you and your spouse.

"GIVE IT TWICE" TRUST

Pass property, IRA, or 401K on to your family and give to Bryan College at the same time.

Give us a call to discuss any of these charitable estate planning options or visit our website at www.BryanGift.org for more information.



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Trail Scholarship

Established

Giving back seems only natural for Mark and Carol (McKemy) Trail, particularly when their gift honors a man who set an example of giving.

Mark and Carol, both Bryan graduates in the Class of 1975, have established the Richard W. Trail Dean's Scholarship in memory of Mark's father, a Spring City, Tenn., businessman and community leader who died Dec. 29, 2008.

Dean's Scholarships are competitive awards made to incoming freshmen. Selection is based on an evaluation of high school grades, an essay, and an interview by a selection committee.

Mr. Trail said he and his wife had several reasons for creating the scholarship. "Carol and I always considered our education from Bryan to be top notch, both in academics and in faith, growing in the Lord. That's first and foremost. Then, on our recent visit to campus we met some students, and they clearly are of the highest caliber. The questions they asked, their interactions were very direct. And we have the opportunity to give," he said.

In addition to sending children to Bryan, Richard Trail fell in love with the area and moved to Spring City after he retired as vice president of Seaboard World Airlines, a trans-Atlantic cargo airline, his son said. He began a business in Spring City, Equipment International Corp., which refurbished and resold equipment used in the airline industry. He also became involved in his adopted home town, serving in his church and as a member and chairman of the board of the Rhea Medical Center.

Upon their graduation from Bryan, Mark said Carol "earned her P.H.T. (Putting Hubby Through) degree as he earned his Master's degree. She also taught school for a



year until the first of their three children was born, then became a full-time home-maker for the next 20 years. For the past six years she has worked as business manager for a private tutoring school.

Mr. Trail began a career in health care, working in the public and private sectors in Georgia, with responsibilities including serving as regional mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse director in Southeast Georgia. He retired as chief of medical assistance plans in the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Blake Hudson, Bryan's vice president for advancement, said the Trails' scholarship "is a wonderful way to honor Mr. Trail's father and to help a deserving student receive the same kind of high-quality Christ-centered education he did.

"Annual gifts or a larger endowment may be used to create similar Dean's and Presidential Scholarships as we seek to make a Bryan education available to more of today's finest Christian students who will be tomorrow's leaders."

For information about establishing a memorial scholarship, contact Mr. Hudson at 423-775-7323.



Diane Riggs and Vaughn Berger, vice presidents of Community National Bank in Dayton, Tenn., recently presented a check to President Livesay to support the college. Dr. Livesay expressed his thanks to Community National for the bank's regular support of the college.

Honor and Memory

Gifts

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Cheryl Dial	Gladys Traylor	
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walker	Gladys Traylor	
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David & Mary Zopfi	Gladys Traylor	
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David & Sigrid Luther	Gladys Traylor	
Linda Haines	Gladys Traylor	
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Paul & Delana Bice	Shaaron Porter	
Grace Bible Church Deaconesses	Shaaron Porter	
Jack & Karin Traylor	Shaaron Porter	
Scott & Janice Pendergrass	Shaaron Porter	
Philip Laurence Gray	Margaret Gray, Granddaughter of William Jennings Bryan	
Joseph V. & Marie Bruno		Joseph V. Bruno II
Alfred & Betsy Chestnut		Mrs. A.F. Chestnut
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William & Lee Ketchersid	Richard Wyatt	
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Charles & Theda Thomas	Ralph Minga	
Charles and Theda Thomas	Jerry T. Pass	
Dr. Laura Payne	Dr. Betty Brynoff,	Dr. Ruth Kantzer,
	Dr. Robert L. McCarron	Dr. Richard Cornelius
Sale Creek Independent Presbyterian Church	Gladys Traylor	

*"...let your light shine
before men, that they
may see your good
works and glorify your
Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16*



How Good Are You?

Several months ago, Dr. Livesay came to me and said, "David, your job is to make the degrees of Bryan College more valuable!"

My first thought was "Cool! And when I am done with that, I can work on peace in the Middle East!"

He thought for a minute, and then repeated more emphatically, "David, your JOB is to make each and every degree at Bryan College more valuable!"

I learned a long time ago that when The Man repeats his command, it is wise to listen and obey! However, his statements haunted me for months. How do you DO that? How do you enhance the reputation of the college? How do you raise the standards of the college? How do I make YOU more valuable??

On May 9, we celebrated our largest graduating class ever. One hundred ninety students received their diplomas, including seven who received the MBA degree. We also honored 26 members of the Class of 1959, with a Golden Grad special diploma. I spent most of Friday afternoon and evening fellowshiping with the Golden Grads. They were truly a remarkable group of people. Still very quick-witted and humorous, they told great stories of pranks, and yet remembered how God had shaped their lives during their time on Bryan Hill.

One of their classmates, Marilyn Laszlo, revolutionized the way Wycliffe Bible Translators reached out to those with no written language. Marilyn travelled deep into the jungles of Papua New Guinea and taught a tribe how to read and write, how to engage in commerce, and led them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The class prankster, Gerry Smith, has spent his life in full-time Christian service.

Fast-forward 50 years. The Class of 2009 is a very talented class. Gifted in music, in speech, in communication, and athletics, they have been well prepared to make a difference in today's world.

Now, back to Dr. Livesay's edict: I asked many alumni their thoughts on the subject. Finally, Rick Torbett, '79, gave me the answer. "That's easy! What is the quality of your product? Do you have a good product going out the door?"

As I look back, I did not realize the quality of education I received. I did not fully appreciate the quality of friendships I would find here at Bryan. I finally realized God put me here, to be trained, educated, and grounded in the concept of our motto, Christ Above All. He brought me here to build friendships and relationships that have lasted until this very day. We all had options for our college education. God chose to put us here. He then took us to the far corners of the earth, and to various careers. He used our time here to build in us what we needed to make a difference for Him.

As I have heard the stories and reconnected with many of you, I have been greatly encouraged. The quality of the "product," us, is high indeed. The more I learn of my fellow alums, the more value I place on my degree.

How good are you?

Very, very good!!!

In His Grace,

David Tromanhauser

David Tromanhauser
Alumni Director



Bryan's Career Center Available For You!

Bryan's Career Center has made its services more accessible to alumni and employers with jobs to fill. Marlene Wilkey, director of career planning and corporate relations, said alumni can post their resumes and employers can post job openings on Your Membership Bryan community pages, which may be reached through the alumni link at www.bryan.edu.

There is no cost for either employers or alumni to post their items, although alumni must register with Your Membership, if they have not already done so.

While the system allows alumni and employers to post entries by themselves, Mrs. Wilkey is available should anyone need assistance. She may be reached by email at careers@bryan.edu.

Employers should note that positions will be deleted after 90 days unless other arrangements are made.

"This is a perfect opportunity for Bryan alumni to help new graduates find positions, or to help other alumni who may need new positions in these difficult economic times," Mrs. Wilkey said.





The Farnsworths

Lion

Tricks

1970's

JANE ELLEN HODGES, '70, and Edwin Farnsworth were married in Dayton, Tenn., Nov. 30, 2008. The Farnsworths live in Dayton.

MARK TRAIL, '75, has retired as the chief of the medical assistance plans in the Georgia Department of Community Health and has joined the staff of Health Management Associates in Tyrone, Ga. Mark and his wife, **CAROL (MCKEMY), '75**, live in Tyrone.

BILLIE JEAN (RAAB) HOLUBZ, '76, received a Doctor of Education degree from Walden University in October 2008. Her dissertation was entitled "Technology in the Seventh-Grade Math Classroom: Collaborating, Implementing, and Assessing." She teaches seventh-grade math at Lost Mountain Middle School, Cobb County, Georgia. Her daughter, **JACQUELINE DAWN HOLUBZ, '08**, substitute teaches in Cobb County

and occasionally subs with her mom. Jacqueline has been accepted by Georgia State University to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Teaching English.

1980's

WALT, '82, and **JANE (YOUNG), '85, JACKSON** live in Wyckoff, N.J. Walt is a managing director for Goldman Sachs, and Jane is involved in running a women's Bible Study for more than 240 women at the church of **JOE TALONE '84**. Their daughter, Taylor, 20, is a junior in college. Daughter Avery, 17, and son Ivor, 15, are both heavily involved in soccer, playing on school and club teams.

DANIEL, '86, and **SONYA (KNECHT), '87, BICE** live in Milwaukee, Wisc., where Daniel is a columnist for the *Journal-Sentinel* newspaper and Sonya is a law clerk for a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Daniel recently won

the National Headliner Award, one of the major awards in journalism, for his column, "No Quarter," which is published twice a week. His entry beat those from the *Detroit News* and the *Chicago Tribune*. He also won the "Best in Business" award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers for a series he and another writer produced on subprime lending. Sonya finished law school in May 2008, and will continue her clerkship for another year. They are parents of Zach, 16; Sophie, 14; and Raney, 12.

1990's

ANITA (REUTER), '90, and **Bob URBAN** have moved from West Tennessee to Filmore, Ind., where Bob works for FedEx in Indianapolis and Anita home schools their children, Anna Beth and Peter. They would love to hear from friends via email at missdaisy10@yahoo.com.

PAUL WHISNANT, '92x, is president

The Urban family





Paul Whisnant, left, receives his doctoral diploma.



The Gerhart family

of International Servants, which he founded in a jungle grass hut 18 years ago and is now the largest mission in Belize. He is also the embassy warden for the United States Embassy to Belize. In May 2009, Paul received a Ph.D. from Immanuel Baptist Seminary. His email is Paul@JoinGod.org and his website is www.JoinGod.org.

KATHRYN SPICER, '95, married Ben Kelly on January 1, 2009. Their reception was on New Year's Eve, and the ceremony began at the stroke of midnight. The Kellys live in Cordova, Tenn. Kathryn is in her 10th year working at Bellevue Baptist Church as the women's ministry coordinator. Ben works for American Home Shield as a customer relations representative.

DAVE and AMY (NACE) GERHART, both '99, announce the birth of Josiah David, on Feb. 13, 2008, and the finalization of his adoption in December 2008, and the birth of Annica Grace, on Dec. 1, 2008. Josiah was born at Einstein Hospital in

Philadelphia and weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. Annica was born two months early at Temple University Hospital and weighed 3 lbs., 9 oz. Amy is a clinical pharmacist at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience in Philadelphia. Dave is the senior engineer/producer and graphic designer for MorningStar Studios in Spring House and leads worship at BranchCreek Community Church. Dave and Amy live in North Wales, PA.

2000's

SARAH (DRAKE), '03, and Scott BASS announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Lauren Michel, on Dec. 29, 2008. Lauren weighed 6 lbs, 7 oz and was 19 inches long. She joins big sisters Maggie, 6, and Rebekah and Rachel, 4. The Bass family lives in Franklin, N.C., where Sarah is a stay-at-home mom and Scott has a new job overseeing the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts.

SEVERAL ALUMNI and former staff members met to help former admissions counselor Ted Boyd celebrate his wedding recently. **BEN CARVER, '03**; **JOSH BALES, '03**; former admissions counselor **CHARLIE PHILLIPS, '03**; Ted Boyd; former admissions counselor **TRAVIS STEVENS, '01**; former director of admissions and enrollment management **MARK CRUVER, '92**; **ISAAC CHILES, '04**; and **JOHN STONESTREET, '97**, former WorldviewTeam director and director of Summit at Bryan were present.

BENJAMIN CARVER, '03, graduated May 16, with honors from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. In the fall he plans to move to the Boston area to pursue his Master of Theology degree at Gordon Conwell's North Hamilton campus.

ANNELI (HORNER) MATHESON, '05, received the Master's of Christian Studies degree (Interdisciplinary Focus) at Regent College in

The Kellys



Lauren, Maggie, Rebekah, and Rachel Bass





From left are Ben Carver, Josh Bales, Charlie Phillips, Ted Boyd, Travis Stevens, Mark Cruver, Isaac Chiles, and John Stonestreet.



The Mathesons

Vancouver, Canada. As part of her degree requirements, she wrote an interdisciplinary paper including the fields of literature, theology and biblical exegesis on the topic of how following a suffering Savior reshapes the question of suffering. Anneli is living and writing in Vancouver with her husband Cody, who also recently completed his Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of London in London, England.

MICHAEL, '05, and CEREN (CARPER), '06, STONE announce the birth of their first child, Brooklyn Elizabeth, on Feb. 1, 2009. Brooklyn weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21 ½ inches long. Michael is the new varsity boy's basketball coach at East Hamilton High School in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Ceren teaches kindergarten in North Georgia.

MICHAEL RENEAU, '09, and JULIE MORTON, '08, were married Jan. 3. The Reneaus live in Dayton, Tenn.

Brooklyn Stone



Keep In Touch

Just made an exciting career move, added a member to your family, or tied the knot? Let us know by submitting news to Lion Tracks.

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Dayton, TN 37321

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With the Lord

Dr. JESSE D. HUMBERD, '43, of Winona Lake, Ind., died March 21.

Mr. RICHARD MAYCUMBER, '51, of San Diego, Calif., died Feb. 21.

Mrs. CATHY (UNDERWOOD) SMITH, '74, of Spring City, Tenn., died May 10.



The Bryan Institute
for Critical Thought and Practice

Set your calendars now for symposia presented by the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice:

- September 25-26, 2009 *Christ and Culture* (visit the web site: www.bryan.edu/culture)
- October 30-31, 2009 *Health Care in America: The Diagnosis and the Cure* (visit the web site: www.bryan.edu/healthcare)
- March 19-20, 2010 *The Four Views of Psychology Revisited* (information to come)
- November 5-7, 2010 *The 21st Century Persecuted Church* (information to come)

The Reneaus



Homecoming 2009

Alumni Golf
Dinners
Alumni Sports
Awards
Coffee House
Tailgating
Bonfire
Lion Cubs
Sunday Brunch

Alumni Chapel featuring



Scott Jones, '84, is the Lead Pastor of New Life Community Church in Peoria, Arizona. He has been a pastor for 20 years, which includes serving 13 years at Pantego Bible Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and five years as Senior Pastor of Grace Community Church in Tempe, Arizona.

He is a graduate of Bryan College and Dallas Theological Seminary.

Scott and his wife Donita have been married for 18 years

and have a daughter, Morgan, 13 and a son, Noah, 10.

His personal mission is "to cultivate the imagination of people of God in being a missional community that brings Christ's redemptive purposes to their world."

We will also enjoy hearing from our Bryan College Women's Chorus and other alumni talent.

Jim Wolfe, '78, and Jessi Humdley Trigger, '08, will lead us in musical worship.

Area Lodging

*Make your reservations early
motels fill up fast*

Lion Fast Pass Information

**Register by September 21 to receive your Lion Fast Pass
No Fast Passes will be sold Homecoming weekend

Lion Fast Pass \$30/adult (ages 12+)

Attend all of our events and save money! With this pass you can attend a Friday night dinner, and Saturday you can attend the Tailgate Lunch, and the Alumni Dinner & Awards. Also, if you have any children ages 3-11, they can attend Lion Cubs for free for the whole weekend! All for one low price—that is a \$15-per-person savings just on meals!



**Fast Passes do not include The Alumni Golf Tournament or Lunch on Sunday. Parents who do not wish for children ages 3-11 to participate in Lion Cubs may purchase a Fast Pass or individual meals.*

A la carte prices for each event:

- Alumni Golf Tournament \$60
- Lion Cubs \$5 per child per session (\$20 max. per family)
- All Friday night dinners \$15
Free for 2 and under
- Coffee House free
- Alumni sporting events free
- Tailgate Lunch \$10
\$5 for children 3-11
Free for 2 and under
- Alumni Dinner & Awards \$15
Free for 2 and under
- Bonfire free
- Sunday Brunch (judy at the door) \$5.95
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Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 2

- Registration** 10am-7pm
Second floor, Latimer Student Center (next to bookstore).
 Come sign in, see who's here, get a 15% off coupon for the Bryan Bookstore, and receive a free alumni mug or other great gift.
- Alumni Golf Tournament** 11:30am
Dayton Golf & Country Club:
 Swing a club with your buddies while renewing old friendships. A delicious lunch is included along with goodie bags. Reserve your team of 4 today! If you do not have a team, we can place you in a group.
- Lion Cubs** 5:30pm-9:00pm
Drop off & pick up in Mercer Hall main lobby (the old fishbowl). For children ages 3-11. Bryan College students will teach Bible stories and show your cubs how to make some great crafts. This time is designed for parents to fellowship with their classmates while children have some fun of their own. Includes dinner & snacks.
- Good Ol' Days Dinner** 5:30pm
Rhea County Room, Latimer Student Center:
 Classes 1968 & previous. Enjoy a delicious served dinner as you reconnect with old and new friends.
- Milestone Reunions** 6:00pm
Brock Hall:
 Classes 1969, 1974, 1979, 1989, 1994, 1999 & 2004
 Fellowship with classmates and new friends!
- 25th Reunion Dinner** 6:30pm
Library, 2nd floor:
 Class of 1984!!! Yes, it has been 25 years since we walked the halls of Bryan as students and for some of you the first time you will return "home." Whether your life turned out to be everything you expected, or you were taken down some paths you never wanted to go - we want you here! We want an awesome turnout, so please make your plans now to come and renew friendships.
- Class of 2009 welcome back dinner** 6:30pm
Mac's Café:
 New this year! Calling all "twisted individuals!" Come enjoy a casual dinner with your classmates as we welcome you back as our newest alumni.
- Coffee House** 8:00pm
Latimer Student Center Dining Hall:
 Enjoy our coffee bar & dessert with friends from every class. Featuring hits from the 50's. Sweet treats & sweet fellowship!
- Alumni Baseball game** 8:00pm
Senter Field:
 Take me out to the ballgame! Alumni face off against current

Bryan College baseball players. Cracker jacks & drinks will be served.

- Alumni Soccer** 8:00pm
Main soccer field:
 Alumni men and women will square off in the cool fall air against Bryan's JV soccer team. Are bandages & ice packs are available upon request!
- Alumni Men's & Women's Basketball game** 9:00pm
Summers Gymnasium: Alumni vs. Alumni - feel the sweat, feel the heat, feel the pain. Make sure to pack your Advil!

Saturday, October 3

- Registration** 9:30am-10:30am & 1:00pm-5:00pm
Second floor, Latimer Student Center (next to bookstore).
 (closed during entrance dedication & parade). Lunch tickets will be available at tailgate lunch. Come sign in, see who's here, get a 15% off coupon for the Bookstore (last chance to shop in our bookstore), and also receive a free alumni mug or other great gift!
- Alumni Choir Rehearsal** 9:00am-10:30am
Choir Room:
 Dr. David Luther will lead Choir/Chamber alumni along with Fall Chorale members as you prepare to sing at the New Entrance celebration. Make a joyful noise!
- New Entrance Celebration & Parade** 11:00am
Highway 27 & Richland Street:
 The moment we have all been waiting for! Celebrate the grand opening of our new college entrance! Whether it is 100% complete or almost there, we will take our first walk up the beautiful ravine to our tailgate lunch. Shuttles from the front of Latimer Student Center will take you to the new entrance starting at 10:15am (and bring you back if you are unable to walk up the ravine).
- Tailgate Lunch** 12 noon
Practice Soccer Fields:
 Enjoy a BBQ lunch for the whole family on the field. Festivities will include a bouncy playground for the kids, balloons, temporary tattoos, good eats, great fellowship & much more!
- Men's Soccer** 2:00pm
Main Soccer Field:
 Bryan College Varsity men square off against Brescia University. Come cheer on our Lions!
- Lion Cubs** 5:30pm-9:00pm
Drop off & pick up in Mercer Hall main lobby (the old fishbowl). For children ages 3-11. Bryan College students will teach Bible stories and show your cubs how to make some great crafts. This time is designed for parents to fellowship with their classmates while children have some fun of their own. Includes dinner & snacks.



- **Alumni Dinner & Awards** 6:00pm
Latimer Student Center Dining Hall:
 Celebrate our heritage and legacy of being a Bryan Lion. Enjoy a delicious dinner and hear about what is ahead for Bryan College from our president, Dr. Stephen D. Livesay, and Alumni Director Mr. David Trommhauser. We will induct alumni players into the Sports Hall of Fame, and announce the Alum of the Year. **New this year:** "Young Alumni of the Year" will be presented to a younger alum who is making a difference in today's world. Be sure to visit bryanalumni.org and nominate someone.
- **4th annual BC Bonfire & Live Music** 9:00pm
Location to be announced: Toast marshmallows, make a s'more, drink some cocoa, listen to some great music & enjoy old & new friends. Our current students also will be there to meet you!

Sunday, October 4

- **Lion Cubs** 9:45am
Brock Hall (bottom floor of Rudd Auditorium): Last time for your cubs to have fun with our Bryan College students. Your children will enjoy their own "children's church" with plenty of room to spread out and have some fun! Snacks are included.
- **Alumni Chapel** 10:00am
Rudd Auditorium:
 This is always the highlight of our weekend and a great way to end Homecoming. Scott Jones, '84, will lead us in worship.
- **Sunday Brunch** 11:30am
Latimer Student Center Dining Hall:
 Brunch is served! Walk over to our Dining Hall for the best food and best deal in town. Pay at the door.



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Registration and payment can be completed online at bryanalumni.org, or return this form and payment, with checks made payable to Bryan College, by 09/21/09. Mail to Bryan College, attention Homecoming, P.O. Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321-7000

Registration

Name _____ Class _____

Spouse/Guest _____ Class _____

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City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Children Participating in Lion Cubs

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Tickets number participating

Lion Fast Pass _____ \$ _____
(please circle events you will be attending)

Alumni Golf Tournament _____ \$ _____

Lion Cubs _____ \$ _____

Friday Dinners *(circle one)* _____ \$ _____
Dinner
Milestone
25th
2009

Adult Child
 Tailgate Lunch _____ \$ _____

Alumni Dinner & Awards _____ \$ _____

Sunday Brunch *(pay at the door)*

Junior/Senior Visit

Special event for high school juniors and seniors (16 & up) of Bryan alumni attending Homecoming 2009. Check in before 5pm Thursday, for a financial aid/admissions and online education information session, social activities with current students and spend the night in the dorms. Friday attend classes, chapel, eat in the dining hall, take a campus tour. Visiting students will receive a Bryan College t-shirt. To register, go to www.bryan.edu/visit or call 1800-277-9522 ext. 211.

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